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<i>Application Number</i>	09/072,959
<i>Filing Date</i>	May 5, 1998
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Pai-Hung Pan
<i>Art Unit</i>	2823
<i>Examiner Name</i>	G. Fourson III
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2269-2919.4US

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- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

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- b. Other _____

3. Fees

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Pan

Serial No.: 09/072,959

Filed: May 5, 1998

For: TECHNIQUE FOR FORMING
SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION
STRUCTURE WITHOUT CORNER
EXPOSURE AND RESULTING
STRUCTURE

Confirmation No.: 7136

Examiner: G. Fourson III

Group Art Unit: 2823

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is responsive to the remarks that have been presented in the Examiner's Answer in an appeal of the claim rejections that have been set forth in the above-referenced application.

This Amendment, which is being filed on Monday, August 30, 2004, by the U.S. Postal Service's Express Mail service, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, should be deemed to have been filed within two months of the mailing date of the Examiner's Answer since August 28, 2004, fell on a Saturday. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

Amendments to the claims are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks start at page 7 of this paper.